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SUBJECT: GREEK PRESS REPORTS TURKS REJECT EC-9 MEDIATION ON CYPRUS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 08255

1. THE MAJORITY OF THE GREEK-LANGUAGE PRESS ON SEPTEMBER 17  
- AS WELL AS THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ATHENS NEWS  
AGENCY BULLETIN ON THE SAME DATE - CITED A REUTER REPORT FROM  
BRUSSELS TO THE EFFECT THAT TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER  
CAGLAYANGIL HAD ON THE PREVIOUS DAY REJECTED AN EC-9 OFFER  
TO EXTEND THEIR GOOD OFFICES IN AN EFFORT TO MEDIATE  
BETWEEN THE GREEKS AND THE TURKS ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM

2. CAGLAYANGIL REPORTEDLY TOLD JOURNALISTS AFTER DAY-LONG  
DISCUSSION WITH THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THE PREVIOUS  
DAY THAT THE EC-9 INITIATIVE WHICH WAS FIRST PROPOSED AT  
THE TIME OF THE CSCE CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI, COULD NOT  
BE CARRIED ANY FURTHER. HE IS SAID TO HAVE ASSERTED  
THAT A KEY TURKISH PRECONDITION TO ANY EC-9 ROLE ON  
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CYPRUS WAS THE TERMINATION OF THE U.S. EMBARGO ON

MILITARY ARMS SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY. CAGLAYANGIL THEN NOTED THAT SINCE THE EC CAN NOT GUARANTEE A LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO, THE HELSINKI INITIATIVE IS DEAD. THE GREEK PRESS AFFORDED FAIRLY PROMINENT TREATMENT TO THE REUTER REPORT WITH VRADYNI (PRO-GOVERNMENT) LEADING INTO ITS STORY WITH SIX-COLUMN HEADLINE "TURKEY REJECTED WITH A CRUDE VET THE MEDIATION OF THE COMMON MARKET ON THE CYPRUS CASE".

3. WE HAVE SEEN NOTHING IN REFTTEL OR OTHER REPORTS TO CONFIRM THE FLURRY OF STORIES HERE YESTERDAY BASED ON THE REUTER REPORT. THE STORY HAS ALREADY DIED, WHICH SUGGESTS IT PROBABLY HAD NO BASIS IN FACT. NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT USEC AND ANKARA MAY BE ABLE TO SHED ON THE MATTER.  
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